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Mr. Darryl Francois  
Attention: Section 1813 ROW Study  
Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development,  
1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 2749-MIB  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Francois:

I am pleased to submit the following comments for the hearing required under Section 1813 of last year's Energy Bill. I believe that this hearing is an important step towards establishing equitable valuation for rights-of-way across tribal lands. I would like to commend the Department of Interior and the Department of Energy for holding these hearings out west.

I would respectfully suggest that the outcome of this study be a recommendation to Congress that an objective process for determining the fair price of rights-of-way across tribal land be established. Such a method would be good for consumers and establish a mechanism for ensuring tribal land owners are fairly compensated.

The issue of valuation of energy rights-of-way across tribal lands is foremost an important consumer issue. With the price of energy being at an all time high, additional costs should not be made higher by unreasonable increases in the cost of rights-of-way across tribal lands. An objective method for determining the value of a right-of-way across tribal land would eliminate an upward pressure on energy prices.

Thank you very much for coming out west and seeking input on this important issue. We are hopeful that your recommendation to Congress is to establish through legislation an objective method for rights-of-way across tribal land.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Spitzer".

Commissioner Marc Spitzer  
Arizona Corporation Commission